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indicated, if there are some concerns, and I recognize that there are some persons who legitimately are concerned with the increase in the gasoline tax, if there is some way we could handle it otherwise, I would be glad to take a look at it. I would hope that the membership will advance the bill. I want to point out again for those of you who are concerned about the obligation of the state. There is a Supreme Court decision which says the liability of the state is limited to rental periods of twelve months or less so that I hope you can be reassured on that. If some of you have any questions, I will be glad to provide that opinion to you. I think we have an opportunity to do something here today which is going to be a new step in addressing the energy problem. Nebraska has been in the leadership. I hope that we retain that leadership. I want to point out that Senator James Exon has introduced in the Congress legislation that would utilize the set aside acres for production of grain for alcohol purposes. I think that that legislation has an excellent chance of success and I commend him for it. I think that Nebraska needs to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in encouraging private industry in the construction of these plants. I think that we will. I think that there is going to be new sources of energy developed in the future that are not available to us now but this is an interim method, interim solution and we should address it. I ask for your support of the bill. I move the bill be advanced to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is to advance LB 571 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have a resolution?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir, LR 61. Read. (See pages 1528 and 1529, Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Simon moves to suspend Rule 4, section 6 so as to take up LR 61 today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I move for suspension of the rules.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. 30 votes. Record. Mr. Clerk, record.